

Title (en)
SPINDLE SEAL WITH TANGENTIAL FLOW-INDUCING DISTRIBUTION RING

Title (de)
SPINDELDICHTUNG MIT EINEM TANGENTIALSTRÖMUNG INDUZIERENDEN VERTEILUNGSRING

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Abstract (en)
[origin: US2010052258A1] An improved cartridge-type bearing seal includes removably connected stator and rotor sections. The stator section supports a distribution ring that divides an internal annular volume into radially outside and inside portions. The ring has a sufficient number of tangentially oriented ducts to permit fluid communication between the outside and inside portions. With this structure, when pressurized purge fluid is supplied to the outside portion, the fluid flows through the ducts, to induce a desired tangential fluid flow within the inside portion. This in turn causes circumferentially uniform fluid pressure in the annular volume that resides between the rotating shaft and the bearing housing, and the pressurized fluid traverses a flow path out of the bearing. This circumferentially uniform fluid pressure, by itself or in combination with a flexible lip, prevents contaminant ingress between the rotating shaft and the bearing housing. Because the structure that creates the tangential fluid flow is part of the removable cartridge, this bearing seal eliminates the need to machine or drill a tangentially oriented passage in the bearing housing. One embodiment adds a secondary ring adjacent the distribution ring, to reduce the need to precision machine the inside dimension of the bearing cap. These structural components render the circumferential purge fluid feature even more readily available, for a wider range of spindles.

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